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HM-145B; NOTICE NO. 79-2

[49 CFR Parts 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177]

Transportation of Hazardous Substances; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Materials Transportation Bureau, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of time to file comments.

SUMMARY: On February 22, 1979, the Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB) published a notice of proposed rulemaking under Docket HM-145B (44 FR 10676) pertaining to the transportation of hazardous substances. This notice extends the comment period from April 23, 1979, to June 5, 1979, in order to provide additional time for persons affected by these proposals to submit their comments.

DATE: The time for filing comments is extended from April 23, 1979, to June 5, 1979.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A number of commenters to Docket HM-145B have requested an extension of the comment period in order to permit additional time to evaluate the proposals contained in this docket. Considering the comprehensive nature and possible severe impact of these proposals, the MTB has determined that an extension should be granted. Most of the commenters requested a 60-day extension. If the MTB adopts regulations pertaining to hazardous substances, they should be published at approximately the same time as those of the Environmental Protection Agency which has its publication for hazardous substances (40 CFR Part 117) scheduled for the early part of July. For this reason, the MTB is granting an extension of the comment period to June 5, 1979, since a 60-day extension would not provide sufficient time for review of the comments and preparation of an amendment.

AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. 1804; 49 CFR 1.53, App. A to Part 1, and paragraph 1, and paragraph (a)(4) of App. A, Part 166.

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